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MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrators, Day Care Facilities for Adults

FROM: Dennis Gibbs, Director
Division of Health Licensing

SUBJECT: Provider-Wide Exception – American Red Cross First Aid Training

Section C.5.d. of Regulation 61-75, Standards for Licensing Day Care Facilities for Adults, requires that "At least one staff member who is certified with American Red Cross first-aid training and CPR (or American Heart Association CPR) and capable of recognizing symptoms of distress shall be present when participants are in the facility."

The scope and content of the first-aid training offered by the American Heart Association is equivalent to the American Red Cross first-aid training. In the interest of establishing reasonable standards that can be met by providers and yet do not compromise the health and well-being of the residents cared for in day care facilities for adults, it has been determined that alternative standards will be considered as acceptable.

All day care facilities for adults will be required to meet the standard outlined in the licensing standards, i.e., R61-75, Section C.5.d. that requires at least one staff member who is certified with American Red Cross first-aid training, or, as an alternative:

At least one staff member who is certified with American Red Cross first-aid training or American Heart Association first-aid training, and CPR (or American Heart Association CPR) and capable of recognizing symptoms of distress shall be present when participants are in the facility.

This exception applies to any day care facility for adults licensed by the Department. It relates solely to SC licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions regarding the above, please call Rob Lawyer at (803) 545-4234.

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